Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp:

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

The <u>original Employee Pre-Travel Authorization</u> (Form RE-1), <u>AND</u>

 ☑ The <u>original</u> Employee Pre-Travel Authorization (Form RE-1), <u>AND</u> ☑ A <u>copy</u> of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)
American Israel Education foundation
Private Sponsor(s) (list all):
May 25-June2 Travel date(s):
Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Relationship to Traveler: D Spouse D Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING DID NOT INCREASE DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate Stimate Actual Amount	\$5,783.54	\$1,840.23	\$1,172.39	Security: \$1,333.12 per person Speaker Fees: \$557.39 per person Hotels for contract staff (four guide, bus driver, security guards): \$379.81 per person Tour Guide: \$320.53 per person Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$219.85 per person Room Rentale: \$174.75 per person Hotel Commission \$138.51 Other; \$108.75 per person Airport Assistance: \$81.69 Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$81.38 per person Entrance Feee; \$37.07 per person Photography: \$31.57 per person

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate				
☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): See final itinerary attached

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(Printed name of traveler)

(Signature of trayeler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the Employee Pre-Travel Authorization form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11)

9:45-10:30 PM

10:30 PM

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Senior Congressional Staff June 30 – July 8, 2018

Final Itinerary

Saturday, June 30, 2	<u>018</u>
5:04 PM	Depart Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)
5:20 PM	Depart Union Station
7:00 PM	Arrive Newark (J.D. Grom only)
8:25 PM ⁻	Arrive Newark
10:50 PM	Depart Newark
Sunday, July 1, 2018	
5:05 PM	Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport
5:05-6:30 PM	Transfer to Jerusalem
6:30 PM	Check-in to The Orient Hotel
6:45 PM	Depart for dinner
7:30-8:00 PM	Setting the Stage
	Orientation with Cameron Brown, Director of AIEF Israel - at Touro
8:00-9:45 PM	State of the Nation
· · · · · ·	Dinner with David Horovitz
	Editor, Times of Israel
	- at Touro

Shalom Jerusalem

Brief walking survey

Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Introduction to the History of the City

Monday, July 2, 201	8
7:30 AM	– Breakfast is served
	- at the hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	Israeli Palestinian Negotiations – An Update
	Breakfast with Dr. Tal Becker
	Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
	- at the hotel
9:00 AM	Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem
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9:15 AM-12:45 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Historic and Holy Rasin
	The Historic and Holy Basin Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
	Guidea tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
12:45 PM	Depart
1:45-2:45 PM	Israel's Political Map
	Lunch with Dr. Cameron Brown
	Director, AIEF Jerusalem
3:00 PM	Depart for the Knesset
3:30 PM	Security check
4:00-4:45 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Stav Shaffir
	Member of Knesset, Zionist Union Party
	-at the Knesset
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5:00-5:30 PM	Meeting with the Honorable Naftali Bennett
	Minister of Education and Diaspora Affairs,
	Leader, The Jewish Home Party
	- at the Knesset
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6:00-7:15 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I: The Wistoria and Holy Basin
	The Historic and Holy Basin Guided tour of the Old City of Jerusalem
	Guidea tour of the Ola City of Jerusalem
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
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8:00-10:00 PM	Dinner
	- at Tali's Atelier
10:00 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel

10:00 PM

<u>Tuesday, July 3, 2018</u> 7:30 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel
8:30 AM	Depart for Yad Vashem
9:00-11:00 AM	Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust Guided tour of Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum
11:00 AM	Depart for the American Colony Hotel
11:30 AM-1:00 PM	A View from the Palestinian Authority Lunch with Dr. Saeb Erekat Palestinian Peace Coalition/Geneva Initiative, Palestinian Authority - at the American Colony Hotel
1:00 PM	Depart
1:30-2:30 PM	A View from the Prime Minister's Office Meeting with David Keyes International Media Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister - at the Crowne Plaza Jerusalem Hotel
2:30 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
4:00-5:00 PM	Why a Jewish State? Meeting with Dr. Einat Wilf Senior Research Fellow, The Jewish People Policy Institute (JPPI) Former Member of Knesset -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel
5:00 PM	Check-in to the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	Tikkun Olam- Repairing the World Dinner with Naty Barak, Netafim Hagit Krakov, Israid Dr. Ofer Merin, Emergency Response from Haiti to Syria Sivan Ya'ari, Innovation Africa at Quattro

Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

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Wednesday, July 4, 2018			
7:45 AM	Breakfast is served		
	- at the hotel		
8:00-9:15 AM	Regional Strategic Threats		
0.00-3.13 AIVI	Meeting with Brig. Gen. (res) Nitzan Nuriel		
	Immediate Past Director,		
	Counter-Terrorism Bureau, Prime Minister's Office		
	- at the hotel		
9:15 AM	Depart		
10:00-11:30 AM	Visit to Palmachim Air Force Base		
20.00 22.00 7	-Palmachim		
11:30 AM	Depart		
12:30-2:00 PM	How Israeli Armament Innovations Defend the U.S.		
	Lunch with Ari Sacher		
	Former Iron Dome Systems Project Manager,		
	Rafael Advanced Defense Systems		
	-at Deca		
2:00 PM	Depart		
2:30-4:00 PM	Save a Child's Heart		
	Meet with Dr. Zion Houri and Visit the Recovery Home		
	- at Wolfson Medical Center		
4:00 PM	Depart		
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4:45-5:30 PM	Life Under the Threat of Rocket Fire Meeting with Chen Abrahams		
	Local Resident, Kibbutz Kfar Aza		
	-at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel		
5:45-6:45 PM	Strategic Overview: Syrian Civil War		
	Meeting with Dr. Jonathan Spyer		
	Fellow, Middle East Forum		
	Middle East Analyst and Correspondent -at the Sheraton Tel Aviv hotel		
	-at the Sheratori ser ward notes		
6:45 PM	Depart hotel		

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7:00-7:30 PM 360° Bird's Eye View

Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop

7:30 PM Depart for Dinner

8:00-10:00 PM The Israeli Mosaic

Dinner with

Professor Dov Chernichovsky, Israel's Health Care System

Moshe Friedman, Founder, KarmaTech

Pnina Radai, Director of Training Programs,

National school of Government, CSC - Israel Civil Service

Dan Slijper, LGBT Activist

-at Spoons Salon

10:00 PM Overnight at the Sheraton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, July 5, 2018

7:30 AM Breakfast on your own

- at the hotel

8:00 AM Depart

8:30-9:30 AM Start-Up Nation

Panel Discussion, moderated by Dr. Cameron Brown, with

Jordana Cutler, Facebook
 Dov Maisel, United HaTzalah
 Dr. Oren Milstein, StemRad

Eliav Rodman, Orcam

- at Facebook Israel

9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:00 AM Israel's Narrow Waistline – Strategic Concerns

Briefing at Alfei Menashe

11:00 AM-12:00 PM Israeli Settlements in Focus

Briefing with Oded Ravivi, Mayor of Efrat

Yariv Oppenheimer, immediate past head, Peace Now

-at Alfei Menashe Matnas

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12:00-1:30 PM	Depart ·
	 En route briefings: The Jezreel Valley — The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa Upper Galilee — Potential for Development
1:30-3:00 PM	Minority Rights in Israel Lunch with Mohammad Darwashe Director of Planning, Equality and Shared Living Givat Haviva Educational Institute - at his home, Iqsal
3:30 PM	Depart
4:30-5:30 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah Briefing with LtCol. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi Northern Border Expert - at Mt. Adir
5:45 PM	Depart
6:30 PM	Check-in to the U Boutique Hotel
7:45 PM	Depart for dinner
8:00-10:00 PM	Reflections of the Week Dinner and Discussion - at Decks
10:00 PM	Overnight at U Boutique Hotel
Friday, July 6, 2018 7:30 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall
8:30 AM	Depart '
9:00-11:00 AM	 Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee Tour of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount St. Peter's Church Capernaum – Jesus' Village

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11:00 AM	Depart for the Golan Heights	
12:00-1:00 PM	Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria With Capt. (Res.) Ilan Shulman - at Kibbutz Ein Zivan	
1:00 PM	Depart	
1:15-2:30 PM	Lunch -at Habokrim	
2:30-4:00 PM	Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley	
	 En route briefings: Strategic Survey – Israel's Border with Jordan The Jordan Valley – Israel's Defensive Buffer Facing East 	
4:00-4:30 PM	Jordan Gateway Industrial Park Visit to join development project between Israel and Jordan	
4:30-5:30 PM	Continue to Jerusalem	
5:30 PM	Check-in to the Orient Hotel	
7:15 PM	Depart for dinner	
7:30-9:30 PM	Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Naomi and Jonathan Schachter-Price - at their home in Jerusalem	
9:30 PM	Overnight at the Orient Hotel	
<u>Saturday, July 7, 2018</u>		
8:00 AM	Breakfast on own - at the hotel, Main Dining Hall	
8:30-10:00 AM	Depart	

En route briefing:

- Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor
- The Dead Sea Region Environmental Concerns

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10:00 AM-12:30 PM History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire

Guided tour of the National Archeological Park at Masada

12:30-1:30 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region

- at Kalya Beach

1:30-2:30 PM Lunch

- at Kalya Beach

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM Return to hotel

Check out

6:00-8:00 PM The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing dinner - at the hotel

8:00 PM Depart for the Airport

11:10 PM Depart Tel Aviv

Sunday, July 8, 2018

4:10 AM Arrive Newark

8:15 AM Depart Newark (J.D. Grom only)

8:35 AM Depart Newark

9:59 AM Arrive Washington, D.C.

10:19 AM Arrive Dayton, OH (J.D. Grom only)

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

May 22, 2019

Douglas Coutts
Office of Senator Tom Cotton
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Coutts:

This responds to your recent correspondence concerning an invitation you received to travel to an educational seminar in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias, Israel, on May 25-June 2, 2019, sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF). AIEF certified to the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) that it will pay the necessary expenses¹ related to the travel and that it is neither a lobbyist, nor lobbying firm, nor agent of a foreign principal, and it is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. AIEF has also certified that it does not retain or employ a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal and that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you at any point throughout your trip.²

Based on information and materials available to the Committee, and assuming the actual travel and travel-related expenses conform to the information and materials you provided, it appears that the proposed payment or reimbursement of necessary expenses for this trip may be accepted under relevant Senate Rules and the Committee's Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel, so long as at the time of the payment or reimbursement, AIEF is neither a registered lobbyist nor lobbying firm under the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995, nor an agent of a foreign principal under the Foreign Agents Registration Act (and is not otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government), and provided the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate in accordance with the provisions of Senate Rules 34 and 35.

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately-Sponsored Travel.

¹ The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 8.

² The term "any point throughout your trip" has a specific definition. See Select Committee on Ethics' Regulations and Guidelines for Privately-Sponsored Travel – Glossary of Terms at 2.

The Committee has determined that § 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that are classified as private foundations, as opposed to public charities, may not pay for transportation from the United States to a foreign country.³ However, AIEF represented to the Committee that it is a § 501(c)(3) public charity, as opposed to a private foundation, pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code.⁴

Please be advised that the United States Constitution prohibits the acceptance of any gift, including a meal, from a foreign government without the consent of Congress. In the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), Congress consented to the acceptance by federal government officials of: (1) gifts of minimal value and (2) travel or the expenses for travel taking place entirely outside the United States, from a foreign government (which includes those acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government).⁵ The Senate has defined minimal value as \$100 or less. Further, pursuant to FGDA, there are certain reporting and procedural requirements that are imposed upon Members, officers, and employees who accept gifts from a foreign government. Please review the Committee's "Dear Colleague" letter of January 11, 2019, setting forth the items to be included in filing that report.

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,⁶ on his or her Financial Disclosure Report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$390 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member, officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their Financial Disclosure Report.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,

Deborah Sue Mayer

Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Travel Checklist

³ See 26 U.S.C. § 4941 et seq. Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code broadly defines non-profit, charitable, tax-exempt organizations. These § 501(c)(3) organizations are then further defined or designated as "public charities" and "private foundations."

⁴ 26 U.S.C. § 501(c)(3).

⁵ 5 U.S.C. § 7342.

⁶ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$127,914 for CY 2019) or is a political fund designee and is required to file Financial Disclosure Reports.

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION	Date/Time Stamp:
<u>Pre-Travel Filing Instructions</u> : Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the <u>Select Committee on Ethics</u> in <u>SH-220</u> . Incomplete and late travel submissions will <u>not</u> be considered or approved. This form <u>must</u> be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.	
Name of Traveler: Douglas Coutts	
Sen Tom Cotto Employing Office/Committee:	n
American Israel Education Foundation Private Sponsor(s) (list all):	··
May 25-June2 Travel date(s): Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee Israel, cities Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Tiberias Destination(s):	ttee.
This trip's educational purpose relates directly to my duties as the Chief of Staff for Senator I the Armed Serivces, Intelligence and Banking committees. As the chief of staff I handle man nator. This trip will help develop a deeper understanding of the relationship between Israel ar onship affects many of our country's foriegn policy decisions in that region and the world.	om Cotton. Sen Cotton currently sits on by fortegn relations meetings with the Se
Name of accompanying family member (if any):	
I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the (Date)	best of my knowledge:
I, hereby authorize	uglas Coutts
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for new related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this traduties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that private gain. I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to the appearance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate.	avel is in connection with his or her he or she is using public office for

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

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of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box)



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Doug Coutts
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The Office of the Honorable Tom Cotton
326 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Doug,

On behalf of the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF), we would like to invite you to participate in an educational seminar in Israel for Senate and House Chiefs of Staff, May 25 – June 2, 2019. The trip will depart Saturday afternoon, May 25; and return to the U.S. on Sunday morning, June 2.

This seminar will delve into some of the most difficult issues facing Israel and the region. Israeli leaders from across the political spectrum, along with Palestinian leaders, will explore the peace negotiations and the obstacles to peace, the myriad of security threats facing the region, and the strategic relationship between the United States and Israel.

Participants will hear a wide array of viewpoints, including discussions with: members of the Israeli Knesset and the Palestinian Authority; U.S. government officials; military leaders; heads of non-governmental organizations; and prominent academics and journalists. The program will also include visits to historic and religious sites in Jerusalem and the Galilee.

All trip-related expenses will be paid for by AIEF, and all aspects of the trip will be in full conformity with House Ethics rules. AIEF will provide additional information to assure your compliance with ethics rules.

We hope you will be able to join us on what promises to be a rich, insightful and educational trip. To confirm your participation, please complete the confirmation form, and return to sallen@aiefdn.org. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Bassin at (202) 639-5279 or rbassin@aipac.org.

Sincerely,

Richard Fishman

Executive Director, AIEF

Tax ID# 52-1623781

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee MUST also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1.	Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors):
	American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF)
2.	Description of the trip:
	Please see addendum
3.	Dates of travel: May 25-June 2, 2019
4.	Place of travel:
5.	Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached
6.	I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories: (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip. -OR-
	(B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (see question 9).
7.	I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal. -AND-
	I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8.	I certify that: The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for de minimis lobbyist involvement. - AND -
	The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (see question 9).

9.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B) I certify that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a
	foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:
	 (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member officer, or employee on any segment of the trip. OR -
	 (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee on any segment of the trip (see questions 6 and 10). −OR −
	(C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip.
10.	USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B) If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:
11.	An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I certify that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hourby-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.
12.	Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:
	AIEF is solely responsible for recruiting, coordinating, executing, and funding all aspects of the trip.
13.	Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:
	AIEF is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization with the mission of providing educational programming about
	the U.SIsrael relationship. The delegation will have the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of
	Israelis and Palestinians, and see first-hand the outcome of U.SIsrael strategic cooperation in the region.
14.	Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips: Please see addendum
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State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation: b) The trip involves an event that is arranged and organized specifically with regard to congressional participation. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip The trip will take place in Israel in order to educated Senate Chiefs of Staff about the U.SIsrael relationship. Expenses Expenses Expenses Expenses \$1,814.43 \$1,046 \$2,809 Please TLV = \$340 TIB = \$146 TIB = \$146		n			
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American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Senior Congressional Staff May 25 – June 2, 2019

Addendum

2. Description of the Trip

This seminar, which will be on the ground in Israel for seven days, is specifically designed to explore foreign policy and defense issues related to the U.S.-Israel relationship. Some of the key issues to be addressed include: Iran's continued malign regional activities; the impact of Syrian civil war along Israel's northern border; the internal political situations of both Israel and the Palestinian Authority, the status of the peace process; and the expanded cooperation between the U.S. and Israel in fighting terrorism and proliferation.

The seminar will consist of discussions with Israeli government officials, military officers, Members of the Knesset, Palestinian representatives and U.S. officials, as well as site surveys of the northern border with Lebanon and Syria, the southern border with the Gaza Strip, and the security fence. The seminar also aims to provide the political, historic, and religious context to the current conflicts and issues facing Israel and the region. It will explore the connection the three monotheistic religions have with the land and the influence this connection has on today's struggles. In addition to formal meetings and briefings, the trip provides experiential opportunities to help better understand the geographical complications, the security implications, and the historic root causes of the current conflicts.

14. Sponsoring Congressional Trips

Founded in 1990, the American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) funds Israel Seminars for members of Congress, Capitol Hill staffers, students, political consultants, as well as Christian, Latino, African American, Progressive, and Veteran leaders. These trips to Israel are among the most critical programs AIEF supports on behalf of the U.S.-Israel relationship. These educational seminars allow policy makers to understand the complex historical, religious and geographic context of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Participants meet with Israeli government officials, military officers, members of the Knesset, U.S. government officials, Palestinian Authority officials and leading academics and journalists. For many of the participants, who make important decisions impacting Israel and the Middle East, these trips are their first, and sometimes, only exposure to the country. The most recent Senate trip was for Senator Tina Smith in March, 2019.

15. Other Educational Activities

AIEF grants support innovative and award-winning programming that educates a wide array of participants, including college students, members of Congress and their staff, and political professionals.

16. Other Expenses

Security: \$1,083.33 per person

-AIEF considers the security of its trip participants as its highest priority. A security team accompanies all participants throughout the trip.

Speaker Fees: \$611.11 per person - Honoraria for guest speakers

Tour Guide: \$250.00 per person

-As a detailed historical understanding is crucial to maximizing the educational aspect of the trip, a licensed tour guide accompanies the group throughout the trip.

Hotels for contract staff (tour guide, bus driver, security guards): \$183.33 per person

Meals for contract staff and speakers: \$177.78 per person

Room Rentals: \$166.67 per person

-The cost of renting rooms at hotels and restaurants for meetings and meals with speakers.

Hotel Commission \$136.57

-We pay a 7% hotel room commission to the company that books our hotels.

Transportation to the Syrian Border: \$55.56

Entrance Fees: \$50 per person

-Several sites require an entrance fee, including the southern Western Wall excavations and the holy sites around the Sea of Galilee.

Transportation for contract staff and speakers: \$33.33 per person

Photography: \$27.78 per person

-On each trip we take a group photo with a professional photographer

Other: \$27.78 per person

-Briefing materials, miscellaneous

Tips: \$6.39 per person -Tips for hotel staff

21. Per Diem

Meal expenses are equal to the foreign per diem rate for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Lodging expenses are less than the foreign per diem for Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and Tiberias. Meal expenses include the cost for meals, snacks, and water on the bus. It does not include alcohol, as we do not pay for alcohol per Senate ethics rules.

American Israel Education Foundation (AIEF) Educational Seminar in Israel Senior Congressional Staff May 25 – June 2, 2019

Senate Invitees

- 1. Rey Benitez, The Honorable Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV)
- 2. Doug Coutts, The Honorable Tom Cotton (R-AR)
- 3. Joe Hack, The Honorable Deb Fischer (R-NE)
- 4. Mark Johnston, The Honorable Mike Rounds (R-SD)
- 5. Kyle Plotkin, The Honorable Josh Hawley (R-MO)
- 6. Jonathan Stahler, The Honorable Chris Coons (D-DE)

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Itinerary

Saturday, May 25, 2019

3:20 PM Depart Union Station (Amtrak)

6:21 PM Arrive Newark

10:45 PM Depart Newark

Sunday, May 26, 2019

4:20 PM Arrive at Ben-Gurion Airport

Transfer to Jerusalem

6:30 PM Check-in to the Orient Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-8:00 PM Setting the Stage

Orientation with Becky Strapp, Director of Educational Initiatives

- at Touro

8:00-10:00 PM State of the Nation

Dinner with David Horowitz

Editor, Times of Israel

- at Touro

State of the Nation

David Horovitz is the founding editor of *Times of Israel*, the leading current affairs website in Israel. Mr. Horovitz is will provide staff with a synthesis of domestic political trends, current international affairs and the general state of mind of the Israeli voters.

10:00-10:30 PM Shalom Jerusalem

Introduction to the history of the city

Brief walking survey

Shalom Jerusalem

Throughout its 4,000-year history, the city of Jerusalem has changed hands many times. As home to the world's three great monotheistic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — Jerusalem is probably the most disputed city in history. Today, the status of Jerusalem remains

the most contentious issue in the Arab-Israeli conflict. Jerusalem has been at the heart of all Israeli-Palestinian negotiations. To understand the current political issues, it is critical to understand Jerusalem's history and the role it has played in shaping the Middle East. This seminar will include site visits to various locations in and around Jerusalem to give participants a first-hand look at the historic significance of the city, as well as its geographic layout.

10:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Monday, May 27, 2019

7:30 AM Breakfast is served

-at the hotel

7:45-8:45 AM Israel's Political Map

Professor Reuven Hazan

Hebrew University of Jerusalem

- at the hotel

Israel's Political Map

It is critical for trip participants to have an understanding of the parliamentary system in Israel. Professor Hazan explains how the parliamentary party system works, how coalitions rise and fall, and how Israeli politics differ from American politics. Since the group will be visiting with government officials throughout the week, we believe it's important to provide this overview early in the seminar.

9:00 AM Depart for Strategic Survey of Jerusalem

9:15 AM-1:00 PM Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part I:

The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David

Guided Survey of the Old City of Jerusalem with Ze'ev Orenstein

The Historic and Holy Basin and City of David

The Old City of Jerusalem is home to the holiest shrines of the three monotheistic religions, including the Temple Mount, the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, and the Al-Aqsa Mosque. During the Camp David II talks, the Palestinians and Israelis differed on the Jerusalem question, namely the Old City, the status of Arab neighborhoods just outside the Old City, and religious sites such as the Temple Mount.

The Holy Basin is the historic location of Jerusalem and refers to the land surrounding the Old City, including the Mount of Olives, which is believed to be the departure point for Jesus' final entry into Jerusalem and where Jews have been burying their dead for 2,500 years. The Holy Basin also includes the Western Wall, Judaism's holiest site, and the Temple Mount (Haram al-Sharif), sacred ground for Jews, Muslims, and Christians. Control over these sensitive areas remains among the largest disputes in the Middle East.

The professionally guided survey will walk through all of these sites and others, educating trip participants on their historical impact and their role in today's political discussions.

1:00-2:15 PM Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Lunch with Tal Becker

Senior Legal Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

-at Caffit Botanical Gardens

Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations: How Wide is the Gap?

Since Israel's founding, the Jewish state has sought to reach a just and lasting solution to the Israeli Palestinian conflict. The United States has been closely involved in negotiations between Israel and the Palestinians. Dr. Tal Becker is a senior member of the Israeli peace negotiation team. In this position, he is on the front lines of many of Israel's most pressing diplomatic, legal and policy challenges. He is a veteran negotiator, and key behind the scenes representative, for Israel in a wide variety of contexts. During this session, he will address the prospects for peace in the current political climate. He will also discuss the complex challenges that have prevented a final status agreement thus far.

2:15 PM	Depart
3:15-4:30 PM	 Meetings with Members of Knesset The Honorable Amir Ohana, Likud The Honorable Stav Shaffir, Labor at the Knesset
4:30 PM	Depart
4:45-5:30 PM	Strategic Survey of Jerusalem – Part II: Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

Post-1967 Neighborhoods and the Security Barrier

When Jerusalem was reunified in 1967, following 19 years of division, the State of Israel extended the city's boundaries to include the strategic hills surrounding Jerusalem. These hills served as launching pads between 1948 and 1967 for sniper and mortar attacks on Israeli parts of the city by the Jordanian Army. Since 1967, these hills have become vibrant neighborhoods, fully integrated into the fabric of Jerusalem. It is vital for those discussing the issue of Jerusalem to understand these neighborhoods' strategic importance and their relationship to the areas in the immediate vicinity.

5:30 PM	Depart for hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner

7:45-9:45 PM Israelis from Different Walks of Life

Dinner with:

- Chen Arieli, Chairperson, Aguda-National LGBT Task Force
- Avi Samuels, SHALVA

Israeli's From Different Walks of Life

"The Israeli Mosaic" will be a dinner discussion with Israelis representing some of the various societal sectors — all integral parts of the fabric of Israeli society and broader identity. The evening will be an opportunity to gain insight into the Israeli population as a whole, what governs the perspective and decisions of various sectors and to explore how each of the sectors represented fits into Israeli society and informs the collective national narrative.

9:45 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Tuesday, May 28, 2019

7:45 AM Breakfast is served

at the hotel

8:00-9:00 AM Minority Rights in Israel

Breakfast with Aiman Saif

Former Director,

The Authority for Economic Development of the Minorities Sector

Prime Minister's Office

-at the hotel

Minority Rights in Israel

As of the 2015 census, approximately 21% of Israeli residents are part of the non-Jewish minority, which includes, among others, Muslims, Christians, and Druze. As a liberal, democratic state, Israel is rooted in liberty, the rule of law, free and fair elections, and full civil rights for all citizens. Currently 14 Israeli Arabs and 2 Druze serve in the 120-member Israeli Knesset. During this session, the speaker will discuss the current challenges facing minority groups in Israel, as well as ways the government of Israel and NGOs seek to address these challenges.

9:15 AM Depart for Yad Vashem

9:45-11:45 AM Remembering the Victims of the Holocaust

Visit to Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial and Museum

Yad Vashem

One cannot understand Israel's position on Iran's nuclear program without understanding the trauma of the Holocaust. Israelis view threats to its destruction in light of the events of the 1930s and 1940s, when the German government's threats to exterminate the Jewish people were not taken seriously by the international community. This museum provides an important reference

point as to how Israelis interpret the threat of an Iranian nuclear program and Iranian leaders committed to Israel's destruction.

Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority, was established in 1953 by an act of the Israeli Knesset. Since its inception, Yad Vashem has been entrusted with documenting the history of the Jewish people during the Holocaust period, preserving the memory and story of each of the six million victims, and imparting the legacy of the Holocaust for generations to come through its archives, library, school, museums and recognition of the Righteous Among the Nations. Located on Har Hazikaron (the Mount of Remembrance) in Jerusalem, Yad Vashem is a sprawling complex of museums, exhibits, archives, monuments, sculptures, and memorials.

Every foreign leader that travels to Israel visits Yad Vashem. Yad Vashem has become a symbol of the Jewish people and its transformation from total helplessness to self-reliance and strength. Thus, a visit to Yad Vashem provides a historical context for the Jewish state. The museum's professional docent will guide the group through the main exhibit hall and the children's memorial.

11:45 AM	Depart for Ramallah Lunch boxes en route
12:30-1:30 PM	A View from the Palestinian Authority Meeting with Dr. Saeb Erekat Chief Negotiator, Palestinian Authority - at his office
1:45 PM	Depart
2:45-3:45 PM	A View from the Prime Minister's Office Meeting with Reuven Azar Foreign Policy Advisor to the Prime Minister - at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
4:00 PM	Depart for Tel Aviv
5:15 PM	Check-in to the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel
7:30 PM	Depart for dinner
7:45-9:45 PM	 Start-Up Nation Dinner with Dovie Meisel, United Hatzalah Cathy Sebag, Head of Products, Mobile ODT at Spoons

Start-Up Nation

Israel is a giant when it comes to innovation: a global leader in R&D spending and Venture Capital investment, and home to global R&D centers for the likes of Google, Apple and IBM. This evening's Start-Up Nation dinner will include a discussion with entrepreneurs representing Israeli innovation and ingenuity that has had enormous impact both in Israel and abroad.

9:45 PM

Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Wednesday, May 29, 2019

7:00 AM Breakfast on your own

7:45 AM Depart

8:15-9:45 AM Save a Child's Heart

Meet with Dr. Houri and Visit the Recovery Home

-Wolfson Hospital

Save a Child's Heart

Save a Child's Heart (SACH) is an Israeli- based international, non-profit organization. SACH is committed to saving lives by improving the quality of cardiac care for children from developing countries and creating centers of medical competence in these countries. SACH Israel has saved the lives of over 3,700 children from 50 countries where adequate medical care is simply unavailable. Approximately 50% of these children are from the Palestinian Authority, Jordan, Iraq and Morocco (countries with whom Israel has either no diplomatic relations or who are in a state of war with Israel). More than 30% are from Africa, and the remainder are from Asia, Eastern Europe and the Americas. These children are treated at the Wolfson Medical Center and housed at the Legacy Heritage Children's Home of Save a Child's Heart, both located in Holon.

9:45 AM Depart

10:45-11:45 AM Life Under Threat of Rockets

Visit Netiv Ha'asara and meet with local residents

11:45 AM-12:45 PM Israel's Southern Front

Overlook into Gaza and Visit to Peace Wall

-at Netiv Ha'asara

Israel's Southern Front

Since 2001, Israeli communities bordering the Gaza Strip have been living under the threat of rocket fire. Since the Israeli withdrawal from the Gaza Strip in 2005 and the Hamas takeover of the Gaza Strip in 2007, the volume, range and accuracy of the rockets has only increased. The summer of 2014 witnessed Operation Protective Edge, which returned the issue of rocket fire from Gaza to international headlines. At Kibbutz Nir Am, participants will be able to see the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip, to better comprehend the landscape of the region, as well as the unique challenges faced by this area. The visit to Kibbutz Kfar Azza and meeting

with a local resident will be an opportunity to better understand the reality of living just kilometers from Israel's border with Gaza, to learn how almost 15 years of rocket fire has shaped those living in the communities most affected, to discuss the advent of Hamas "terror tunnels" into Israel's border towns and how communities have sought to cope with the threat on their doorstep, both physically and psychologically.

12:45 PM Depart

Boxed Lunches en Route

1:00-1:30 PM Israel's Missile Defense' Systems

Visit to Iron Dome Battery

The Iron Dome

The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) typically honors our request to visit an Iron Dome battery, the joint U.S.-Israel funded rocket defense program. The military typically approves any visit to an Iron Dome location the week before the trip due to the constantly shifting security situation on the ground. A visit to an Iron Dome battery includes meeting with the soldiers and the commanding officer. For security reasons, we do not receive the names of the IDF soldiers meeting with the group.

1:30 PM Depart

3:00-3:30 PM 360° Bird's Eye View

Briefing from the Azrieli Tower Rooftop

Azrieli Center Rooftop

From the rooftop of the Azrieli center, participants will be standing at the highest observatory in the Middle East. The panoramic view stretches from Ashkelon in the south to Hadera in the north. On a clear day one see almost 70 percent of the country, as far as Jerusalem to the East. The importance of this visit is to provide participants a geostrategic viewpoint from which to understand the narrow waistline of Israel, which at its narrowest spans 9 miles from the Mediterranean to the West Bank. Additionally, the area visible from this vantage point – referred to as the Gedera-Hadera corridor – comprises a small rectangle of land that can be covered lengthwise in under an hour. This section of Israel includes over 50% of Israel's population, economic infrastructure, as well as its only International Airport.

3:30 PM Depart

4:00-5:00 PM Israel's Missile Defense Systems

Briefing with Ari Sacher

-at the Hotel

Israel's Missile Defense Systems

Ari Sacher is a Rocket Scientist and has worked in the design and development of missiles for over twenty years. He has briefed hundreds of US Congressmen on Israeli Missile Defense and speaks regularly for the Israeli Foreign Ministry. Ari is highly regarded speaker, enabling even

the layman to understand the "rocket science". During this session, he will explain the U.S.-Israel strategic cooperation that has led to Israel's development of multi-tiered missile defense system.

7:30 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM 1967: A Look Back

- at Lumina

1967: A Look Back

2017 marked the 50th anniversary of the June 1967 Arab-Israeli war, also known as the Six-Day War. The 1967 war has set the stage for every major event in the Arab-Israeli crisis since. The speaker will discuss how this event shaped the region, Israeli society, and the Arab-Israeli conflict over the past five decades.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Carlton Tel Aviv Hotel

Thursday, May 30, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast is served

- at the hotel

8:15-9:15 AM Regional Strategic Threats

Meeting with Maj. Gen. (res.) Amos Gilead

Institute for Policy and Strategy (IPS)
Interdisciplinary Center (IDC) Herzliya

- at the hotel

Regional Strategic Threats

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9:30 AM Depart

10:30-11:15 AM Israel's Narrow Waistline - Strategic Concerns

Briefing at Alfei Menashe

Israel's Narrow Waistline - Strategic Concerns

Alfei Menashe is a Jewish community located on the western edge of the West Bank. Less than 10 miles from the Mediterranean Sea, Alfei Menashe provides a unique vantage point to discuss Israeli settlement policy, the routing of the security barrier, as well as Israel's narrow waistline.

The sliver of Israeli land west of the West Bank is often referred to as the Hadera-Gadera rectangle, with the city of Hadera denoting the northern point, and the city of Hadera the southern point. The Hadera-Gadera rectangle is home to over 50 percent of Israel's population, as well as civilian infrastructure. The area is also home to Israel's "Silicon Valley", as well as Ben Gurion international airport.

The discussion at Alfei Menashe will allow participants to see firsthand the proximity of Jewish and Arab neighborhoods in both Israel and the West Bank; as well as the strategic threats faced by the Israeli population living in Israel's narrow waistline.

11:15 AM-12:15 PM Settlements in Focus

- Oded Revivi, Mayor of Efrat
 - Yariv Oppenheimer, Former Head of Peace Now
 - -at Community Center, Alfei Menashe

Settlements in Focus

Israeli settlement policy is one of the more complex issues in the ongoing negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians. Mayor Revivi is the Mayor of a settlement in the West Bank; Yariv Oppenheimer is the former head of Peace now. This session provides an opportunity for members to get an insider's perspective on Israeli settlement policy, the differing views among Israeli citizens, and the role settlements play in the current political climate.

12:15 PM	Depart
1:15-2:15 PM	Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq -at Tanduka

Regional Strategic Briefing: Syria and Iraq

As the delegation leaves the Gaza border, and heads north to the borders with Lebanon and Syria, it is critical to understand the threats faced by Israel from these three areas, all Iranian proxies. The briefing will cover the unique situation at each border, as well as the malign activity from Iran contributing to unrest in the region.

2:15-3:30 PM Depart

En route briefings:

- The Jezreel Valley –
 The Strategic Land Bridge connecting Asia and Africa
- Upper Galilee Potential for Development

The Jezreel Valley

Our tour guide will spend an hour during the drive from Israel's center to the north to provide the delegation a briefing on the Jezreel Valley and the Upper Galilee and the challenges facing these regions of the country.

For thousands of years, the Jezreel Valley served as a land bridge linking Africa, Asia and Europe, and serving as a thoroughfare for ancient caravans and, more frequently, armies. In modern times, during World War I, for example, the British and Turkish forces fought a number of pitched battles in the valley. In 1948, following Israel's establishment, the combined forces of Iraq and Jordan attempted unsuccessfully to capture the valley in order to split the just-born Israel into two parts. In the early 20th century, after decades of neglect, Jewish pioneers drained the swamps in the valley, transforming this region into Israel's "breadbasket" known for wheat, cotton, sunflowers and fish ponds. The Jezreel Valley is also home to historical and biblical sites including Tel Megiddo and Nazareth.

Today it is an important symbol of Israel's complex and diverse political reality. The Jezreel Valley, together with the areas of the Lower and Upper Galilee, is home to the majority of Israel's Arab citizens. A survey of this area provides an opportunity to discuss and learn about Israel's Arab citizens – 20 percent of the population – each of which has full democratic, social and welfare rights, the right to vote and serve in the Knesset, and the opportunity to serve on Israel's Supreme Court. These issues are not widely known and this segment gives trip participants the opportunity to understand Israel's relationship with its largest minority group.

Upper Galilee

The Upper Galilee is home to the largest variety of ethnic communities in Israel including Druze, Circassian, Arab Muslim and Arab Christian villages. The Galilee is also home to ancient Jewish and Christian holy sites that provide additional historical and political context to regional tensions. Just as in the case of the Jezreel Valley, the area illustrates the role of minorities in Israel.

At the same time, the Upper Galilee is home to some of the most prominent industrial hubs. Best known among them is the Tefen Industrial area, home to numerous enterprises established by the region's residents – Jewish and Arab. In 2006, Upper Galilee's ISCAR Metal Working Company was purchased for \$5 billion by Warren Buffet's conglomerate holding company. Since then, a number of American investors have become partners in some of the region's hi-tech and bio-tech companies.

While time does not permit for sites visits, a drive through the region allows for expanding on the importance of the area in the context of the U.S.–Israel relationship.

3:30-4:30 PM

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah Briefing with Maj. (res) Sarit Zehavi -at Mt. Adir

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Lebanon and Hizballah

Lt. Col. (Res.) Sarit Zehavi served 15 years in the IDF in Military Intelligence –first in the Research and Analysis Branch, and later in the Northern Command. During her military service she briefed hundreds of delegations, ranging from U.S. Senators, Congressmen and politicians to global military commanders, senior journalists and visiting VIP delegations. She is the founder/director of Alma, an educational research center focusing on the security issues of Israel's northern border. Zehavi has authored many position papers focusing on Lebanon, Syria and Israel's national security challenges, and continues to brief delegations on these topics. She holds an MA in Middle East Studies from Ben Gurion University and is a resident of the northern Galilee region. She will brief the group on the current threats facing Israel by Iranian backed Hizballah in Lebanon.

4:30 PM Depart

6:15 PM Check-in to Europa Hotel

7:45 PM Depart for dinner

8:00-10:00 PM Reflections on the Week

- Dinner at Decks

Reflections on the Week

We will use this dinner as an opportunity to discuss the speakers and topics we have been exposed to thus far. We have found giving our participants an opportunity to discuss the topics and perspectives presented to them assists them in their ability to more fully understand the complexities Israel faces.

10:00 PM Overnight at the Europa Hotel

Friday, May 31, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast at the Hotel

8:30 AM Depart

9:00-11:00 AM Historical Significance of the Sea of Galilee

Survey of historical and religious sites around the Sea of Galilee

Mt. of Beatitudes – Sermon on the Mount

St. Peter's Church

Capernaum – Jesus' Village

Christian Sites at the Sea of Galilee

As part of the seminar's focus on the complex religious fabric of Israeli society, the group will be visiting several of the most sacred sites for Christians in the Holy Land. Included is a guided survey and discussion of some of the most important events in the life of Jesus by the Sea of

Galilee. Just as strategic surveys in Jerusalem focused on Jewish, Muslim, and Christian history and claims to the land, the site visits to the Christian sites help provide context for the competing religious narratives for the land of Israel. For example, we will be visiting the Mount of Beatitudes, where Jesus delivered the Sermon on the Mount, the most studied and read speech of any religion in history. Our guide will also lead discussions through Capernaum and St. Peter's Church.

11:00 AM Depart for the Golan Heights

12:00-1:00 PM Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Strategic survey of Israel's border with Syria

With Maj. Ilan Shulman

- at Ein Zivan

Israel's Northern Border Concerns: Syria

Captain (Res.) Ilan Shulman, a disabled IDF veteran, divides his time guiding geopolitical tours on the Galilee and Golan Heights, lecturing to students, giving geo-political briefings for delegations through various Israeli foreign ministry programs, and fulfilling his IDF reserve duties in the Northern Command's intelligence unit. Shulman was raised in Kibbutz Merom Golan near Israel's border with Syria, where one of his favorite jobs was herding the kibbutz cattle. Shulman served in theIDF's paratrooper's unit, rising to the position of company commander. He holds a BA in Israel and Middle East Studies. During this session he will take participants to the border between Israel and Syria and provide an overview of the Syrian civil war.

1:15-2:15 PM Ethics in the IDF

Lunch with IDF Soldiers

-at HaBokrim

Ethics in the IDF

Ruach Tzahal (Literally, 'Spirit of the IDF') represents the values of the Israel Defense Forces and stands as the foundation for the responsibilities of Israel's army. This overarching ethical code, and the guidelines and operation resulting from it, shape the mode of action applied by all IDF soldiers and units, both in peace and at war. During basic training, every IDF soldier studies and analyzes the code of ethics together with their commanders. It is customary for a framed copy of the code to be hung in every commander's office as a constant reminder of the IDF's values and guidelines. During lunch, participants will be joined by soldiers in the Northern Command, who will discuss the challenges of serving in a region overtaken by the Syrian civil war.

2:30-3:30 PM Travel back to Jerusalem via the Jordan Valley

En route briefing:

Jordan: Relations with Israel, and the Growing Refugee Crisis

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The tour guide will spend approximately an hour during the drive through the Jordan Valley to explore several topics related to Israel's eastern neighbor: specifically, Israeli-Jordanian strategic cooperation, as well as the implications of the Syrian civil war on the Kingdom.

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan became the second Arab country after Egypt to recognize Israel when it signed a comprehensive peace agreement that ended nearly five decades of warfare. Shepherded by United States President Bill Clinton, the accord signed on Oct. 6, 1994, marked the onset of a new era of economic, cultural, and political dialogue and cooperation between the two countries.

In recent years, the two countries have worked together to combat the increased threat from terrorism by coordinating their security efforts and preventing infiltrations across their shared border. Today, Jordan hosts over 1.4 million Syrian refugees fleeing civil war. Following our discussion with Israeli soldiers patrolling the Syrian border, our guide will address how the influx of Syrian refugees and the threats in the region impact Jordan internally; as well as relations and further potential for strategic partnership between Jordan, the United States, and Israel.

5:30 PM Check-in to the Orient Hotel

7:15 PM Depart for dinner

7:30-9:30 PM Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

Traditional Sabbath evening dinner With Wendy and Saul Singer - at their home in Jerusalem

Reflections on the Sabbath in Jerusalem

Israel, the only Jewish country in the world, boasts the unique tradition of honoring the Jewish Sabbath from Friday sundown until Saturday sundown. 80 percent of the Israeli population will commemorate the Sabbath, in various forms, which typically include a family dinner and special blessings. The Sabbath is especially significant in Jerusalem, home to the holiest site for Jews worldwide - the remains of the First and Second Temple.

The dinner will include a discussion on the importance of Jerusalem to the Jewish, Christian and Muslim populations; the potential for a final status agreement on Jerusalem (arguably the most sensitive final status issue); and the diplomatic challenges faced by Israel and the United States regarding Israeli urban development in the area.

9:30 PM Overnight at the Orient Hotel

Saturday, June 1, 2019

8:00 AM Breakfast on own

- at the hotel, Main Dining Hall

8:30-10:00 AM

Depart

En route briefing:

Jericho Road and the E-1 Corridor

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On the drive from Jerusalem to Masada, the group will travel on the highway known as the "Jericho Road" is the strategic importance of the area east of Jerusalem. In 1948 and in 1967, the Jordanian army attacked Jerusalem from the east – the 1948 attack resulted in the city's division that lasted until 1967. Since then Israel has established the City of Ma'ale Adumim east of Jerusalem, today home to some 40,000 residents. To the Palestinians, however, Ma'ale Adumim is the largest settlement on the West Bank. When Israel attempted to expand Ma'ale Adumim's boundary, into an area known as "E-1", the U.S. State Department stepped in and asked that no construction take place there. The issue needs to be examined with those discussing the future of Jerusalem in the context of the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

10:00 AM-12:00 PM History and Geopolitics of the Roman Empire
Guided survey of the National Archeological Park at Masada

Masada

The Sabbath in Israel begins Friday afternoon and concludes on Saturday evening. During the Sabbath, virtually everything in the country is closed including all government offices, businesses, newspapers etc. Therefore, for years, we have used Saturdays to expose our congressional members and staff delegations to some of the key historical and cultural sites in Israel such as Masada. Masada, which was excavated in the 1960s, is considered one of the most important archeological sites in Israel, indeed in the whole world.

Masada was the site of the last stand of the Jews in Israel after the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the Holy Temple in 70 A.D. A group of Jewish zealots fled to the Judean Desert and lived in the former mountaintop fortress of King Herod known as Masada for two years resisting the onslaught of the most powerful army in the world. Determined to break the resistance, the Romans finally scaled the mountain to capture and enslave the Jewish rebels. However, when they finally arrived, they found that all the men, women and children had killed themselves as a last act of defiance. They refused to give in to the Romans and become their slaves.

The ancient story of Masada has important contemporary relevance for the modern State of Israel. "Masada shall never fall again" has become the watchword of the country which has faced existential threats since its founding in 1948. Israel's elite military units, for example, are sworn in on top of Masada in a symbolic act of defiance against Israel's contemporary enemies. These soldiers along with the thousands of Israeli school children who visit Masada each year learn the lesson that Israel should never become so weak again that it would ever face national suicide as an option.

We will spend approximately two hours atop of Masada with a professional guide. The time at Masada with the guide is focused on three areas: 1. touring the magnificent ancient excavations; 2. learning the narrative of Jewish resistance to the Romans backed by the archeological and historical evidence; 3. discussing the importance of the Masada story to the contemporary Middle East and the threats in the region.

During our trip to the Negev, we will also visit the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth and a major source of minerals for both Israel and Jordan.

12:30-1:30 PM Exploration of the Dead Sea Region

- at Hod Hotel

Dead Sea Region

During our drive to and from the Dead Sea area, as well as during our visit to the Dead Sea, our tour guide will discuss a variety of issues integral to understanding the region, the country, and relations with both the Palestinians and Jordanians.

It is important to note that the region is mostly desert. For decades, Israel has been challenging this arid area and developing its agricultural potential. While the Middle East is suffering from water shortages, Israel, through modern technology and water conservation policies, including the recycling of over 80 percent of water used for domestic purposes and transferring it to agriculture, has literally "made the desert bloom." Some of this technology is already being shared with Jordan and the Palestinian Authority. All sides realize that a comprehensive regional water policy will ensure food production necessary to satisfy the Middle East's growing population. For example, in late 2013, the three parties agreed to build a Red Sea-Dead Sea water project to address the shortage of fresh, clean water in the region and the rapid loss of water at the Dead Sea. This highlights the growing importance for Israel and her Arab neighbors to work together on joint environmental projects.

The key regional players also face serious environmental issues in the Dead Sea region. One of the major environmental concerns is the receding of the Dead Sea and the appearance of sinkholes, which cause the earth above to collapse. Roads, fields and buildings have collapsed due to this phenomenon, and experts are concerned the tourist infrastructure along the Jordanian and Israeli shores of the Dead Sea are also in danger. This issue has led to unprecedented cooperation between Israelis, Jordanians and Palestinians and serves as a model for regional cooperation.

1:30-2:30 PM Lunch

-at Hod Hotel

2:30 PM Depart for Jerusalem

4:00 PM Return to hotel

Check out

7:00-9:00 PM The U.S.-Israel Relationship: Bringing it All Together

Closing dinner

Closing Dinner

The closing dinner provides an opportunity for participants to process the scope of the week, from the religious center of the Judeo-Christian world in Jerusalem, to the bustling economic powerhouse of Tel Aviv; from the conflict plagued northern borders with Syria and Lebanon, to the environmental and geographical wonders of the Negev desert and the Dead Sea. We will process the range of topics explored, including the U.S.-Israel strategic partnership, prospects for Arab-Israeli peace, the experience of minorities in Israel, as well as greater existential threats throughout the region. Participants will also have the opportunity to share their takeaways, and ask any lingering questions that weren't covered during the week.

9:00 PM

Depart for the Airport

Sunday, June 2, 2019

12:20 AM ·

Depart Tel Aviv

5:50 AM

Arrive Dulles